



Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John – Week 32

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Summary:

As John's narrative progresses inexorably toward the events of Good Friday, this week's passage records Jesus' last *public* teaching before his arrest and crucifixion. During this time, Jesus' claims regarding his identity and mission are once again confirmed through miraculous means, and the truth of his message reveals a sharp contrast between those who receive him and those who refuse to believe.

Discussion:

1. What was the most important take-away for you from this week's message?
2. Why was Jesus' soul troubled? What does that tell you about how Jesus saw his mission?
3. The text tells us that Jesus desired his Father's will more than his own. **Application:** What happens when your will is in opposition to God's will? What does it look like for you to put the Lord's will first?
4. Why the difference (vv. 28-29) in perception of the heavenly voice among the people who heard it? What did it reveal about the hearers?

5. Think about Jesus' final appeal to the people to believe in him (vv. 35-36). These were likely his last words to the crowds of people (he has much more to say to his disciples in the following chapters). What is Jesus calling the people to do?

6. Notice what got in the way of belief among the people (vv. 36b-43). What were some of those obstacles to belief? **Application:** What are some things in our lives that function as obstacles to belief, even for Jesus-followers?

7. Why were so many afraid to confess their belief in Jesus (vv. 42-43)? **Application:** How does the love of "...the glory that comes from man" make it difficult for us to be bold in our own confession?

8. What was Jesus' purpose in his ministry on earth (vv. 46, 47, 49 ,50)? What does he mean when he says that he will not judge those who reject him and his words? What brings judgment for those who reject Christ (v. 48)?

9. What are some ways you see Jesus' words in this passage clearly implying his divine nature?

10. How would you 'title' this section? In other words, how would you restate the main purpose John had (as the author) in writing this passage?